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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
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South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
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Re: Petition of Lockhart Power Company for Increase in Reconnect Fees
Docket No. 2016-310-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

We have received a copy of a letter filed today by the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) in support of the Petition filed by Lockhart Power Company (“Lockhart”) in the above-referenced matter. In its letter, ORS states that it supports the Company’s request for an increase in Reconnect Fees but “does not support the Company’s request to allow the increased Reconnect Fees to be put into effect without prior notice to its customers.” ORS goes on to recommend that “the Company provide notice to its customers of the increase in fees *upon Commission approval* and at least 30 days before the increase in Reconnect Fees is effective.” (Emphasis added.)

To be clear, Lockhart Power Company requested that the Commission approve the new fees without prior notice and hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-870(F). It has always been Lockhart’s intent to provide notice to its customers of the fee increase *upon Commission approval* and before imposing the new fees. It appears that we and ORS are saying the same thing, except that ORS recommends the Commission delay the effective date of the new fees until 30 days after Lockhart notifies its customers of the increased Reconnect Fees. Please note that Lockhart does not have an issue with that time frame.

Sincerely,

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